Assembly elections

71. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether elections were held to West Bengal, Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir State Assemblies recently; and

(b) if so, the number of seats contested; number of seats won, total votes polled, percentage of votes to the total votes polled by each of the political parties; and the independents who contested in these elections State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information is yet to be received by the Election Commission and will be laid on the Table of the House when made available by the Commission.

Finalisation of proposals for electoral reforms

72. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for electoral reforms have since been finalised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when these are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposals for electoral reforms are still in the various stages of consideration. Government propose to take a final view on the various proposals for reform only after consultation with political parties. It is not feasible to indicate at this stage the time by which the proposals could be finalised.

Demand and Supply of Power

73. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of demand and supply of electricity and power in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how much of it could be wiped out if P/L factor of power houses run by different Electricity Boards is raised by 5 per cent over the previous years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the P/L factor of Electricity Boards and what are the details of the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The required information is given in the enclosed Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 2]

(b) As 5 per cent increase in Plant Load Factor of the thermal stations of State Electricity Boards during 1986-87, would have reduced the deficit by about 4 per cent.

(c) The measures taken to improve the performance of thermal stations include periodic field visits by Roving Teams and Task Forces comprising engineers from CEA, BHEL and ILK when specific action plans are drawn up to help the power stations in over-

coming their problems. A Centrally sponsored renovation and modernisation schemes is being implemented in 33 thermal stations in the country to improve their performance. Assistance is also bein gprovided to the State Electricity Boards in matter such as training of power sector personnel, procuring of spare parts from foreign and indigenous sources, and in the supply of requisite quality and quantity of coal. These measures have helped in increasing the all India PLF of thermal stations from 44.2 per cent during 1980-81 to 53.2 per cent in 1986-87.

Prices of medicines

74. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been considering to decontrol the prices of some more medicines; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines went up to 600 per cent during the last few years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to remove overall profitability control on Drug Industry; and

(d) whether Government have decided to increase mark up on essential medicines; if so, how the interest of the poor consumer of medicines by way of making available medicines at reasonable prices and in adequate quantities is to be served?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (c) and (d) Details are contained in the booklet entitled "Measures for rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of drugs and pharmaceutical Industry in India", copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) There is no control or monitoring on prices of drugs and formulations not falling within Categories I, II and III of the existing DPCO. Hence, it s not possible to supply this information.

Drugs under delicensing scheme

75. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have laid down certain criteria on which drugs are to be identified for Delicensing Scheme;

(b) what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the existing list will be revised according to announced criteria; and

(d) when the earlier list was announced last and what is the total capacity allowed for each drug under delicensing scheme, the names of drugs for which capacities have been created; and investments made alongwith production of each drug upto 31st March, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The criteria for de-licensing are as follows:—

(i) Bulk drugs whose imports are allowed on OGL.

(ii) Bulk drugs whose production is limited to three producers or less in the organised sector.

(iii) Bulk drugs whose formulations are of essential and mass consumption nature.